

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-0882V

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KAREN GARRETT,

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Petitioner,

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Michael G. McLaren, Black, McLaren, et al., Memphis, TN, for petitioner.

Adriana R. Teitel, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On July 25, 2016, Karen Garrett (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,² (the “Vaccine Act” or “Program”). Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury as a result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccination received on September 25, 2015. Pet. at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit (“SPU”) of the Office of Special Masters.

On November 10, 2016, respondent filed a Rule 4(c) Report in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Rule 4(c) Rep. at 1. Specifically, respondent stated that the evidence establishes that petitioner’s injury is consistent with a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”). *Id.* at 4. Additionally, respondent stated that all statutory and jurisdictional requirements have

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012)(Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

been met, including having suffered the condition for more than six months. *Id.* Thus, respondent concludes that entitlement to compensation is appropriate under the terms of the Vaccine Act. *Id.*

In view of respondent's concession and the evidence of record, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master